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GERMANY IS WILLING TO PAY

Will Reimburse Owners of Ship William P. Frye for Vessel and Cargo.

UNDER TREATY WITH THE UNITED STATES

Germany Thinks Captain Within His Rights Under Declaration of London.

Washington, April 8.—Germany's intention to compensate the owners of the American ship William P. Frye, sunk on the high seas with her cargo of wheat by the commerce raider Prinz Eitel Friedrich, was communicated formally to the United States government today.

Ambassador Gerard cabled a note handed him by the Berlin Foreign Office in reply to the recent American communication submitting an indemnity claim for \$228,059.54 on behalf of the Frye's owners. The Foreign Office upholds the legality under international law of the raider's action in sinking the Frye and bases liability of the German government to pay indemnity solely on the old Prussian-American treaties of 1799 and 1828, which provide that contraband belonging to the subjects or citizens of either party cannot be confiscated by the other and may be detained or used only in consideration of payment of the full value.

In view of this consideration, the note says, the American owners, must be compensated for their loss. It is pointed out, however, that the case must go into a prize court that questions of ownership, cargo and destination may be established formally. The German position is that the Frye's cargo of wheat was contraband because it was consigned "for orders" to Queenstown, which is declared to be a fortified port of Great Britain. No notice is taken of the fact that since the wheat was sold en route to British citizens the United States filed a claim for the vessel only.

Officials here were somewhat surprised at the nature of the German note, because of the bearing it may have on negotiations between Washington and London over the Allies' blockade of Germany and Austria. The United States has insisted that upon the belligerent seizing a cargo consigned "to order" rested the burden of proof that the goods were destined for armed forces of an enemy.

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Russians Now In Sight Of The Plains of Hungary

London April 7.—The Carpathians in the East and the hilly country between the rivers Menuse and Moselle in France continue to be scene of sanguinary engagements, but little of or no news is forthcoming of the progress of the battles.

Except in the Uzsook Pass in the Carpathians, where the Austrians, assisted by Germany, are offering stubborn resistance, the Russians are said to have crossed the first range of mountains, and can look down the southern slopes toward the plains of Hungary. It is asserted that part of the army which has crossed the mountains is maneuvering to get behind the Austro-Germans holding the Uzsook Pass.

The Austrians admit conditions bad and they are anxiously awaiting German reinforcements.

The Austrians also are fighting in Roumania, but this is a secondary operation. The engagements in progress in Northern Poland, where the Russians are trying to push back the Germans into East Prussia, also appear to be unimportant.

Between the Meuse and Moselle the French are on the offensive, attempting to force the Germans to give up St. Mihiel. The German official report claims all French attacks were repulsed but a semi-official statement from Berlin says that according to "a pre-arranged plan the Ger-

HUERTA ON WAY TO UNITED STATES

Former Mexican Dictator Due to Arrive in New York Saturday.

Washington, April 7.—Official announcement that Victoriano Huerta, once Mexican dictator, was on his way from Spain to the United States was received at the state department today from the American consul at Seville. Huerta is on the steamer Antonio Lopez, due to arrive at New York Saturday. It will be his first visit to the United States.

The purpose of Huerta's visit is unknown to officials, but it is generally believed he intends to confer with prominent Mexicans associated with him in his administration, who have gathered in New York since the triumph of the Constitutionalist forces, or perhaps intends to make his residence there.

The state department has heard rumors that some of Huerta's followers are gathering strength to promote another military campaign in Mexico, to oppose both the Carranza and the Villa-Zapata factions, but nothing tangible has developed. It is said, indicating any move in that direction.

Belief has prevailed in official quarters here that many of the Mexicans in exile sooner or later would join whatever faction was apparently getting the upper hand in the present struggle.

PROHIS GAIN IN TWO STATES

Chicago, April 7.—A total of 55 of 102 counties in Illinois are entirely dry today. Three new counties—Marion, Franklin and Jasper—having been added to the dry column in yesterday's local option election.

About 100 saloons were voted out. The chief dry victory was in Centralia, wet for sixty years.

Wisconsin cities and towns which voted on the liquor question yesterday returned victory for dry forces in the smaller cities. The larger cities remained wet.

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man outposts retreated from Regieville and Fey-en-Haye. The French some time ago reported the capture of the towns since claim to have made almost daily progress.

The Belgians have regained some ground they lost in Flanders but elsewhere there has been no change in the West.

Although no announcement has been made, the general expectation in military circles here is that a combined land and sea attack on the Dardanelles will begin shortly and that at the same time the Russians now apparently in command in the Black Sea, will bombard the Bosphorus forts.

In Africa General Botha's Union of South Africa forces continue their victories along the railways, but thus far have not overtaken the main German army.

In England the drink question remains uppermost in the minds of the people. The Cabinet met today to discuss what Governmental action should be taken but announced no decision. Meantime hundreds of public men are following the King's example and are banishing alcoholic liquors and making a plea to the people that they at least take the pledge to abstain from liquor until the war is over.

GERMAN CRUISER AVOIDS DESTRUCTION BY INTERNING

With Exception of Uzsook Pass They Have Crossed the Carpathians.

THE FRENCH NOW ON THE OFFENSIVE

Attempting to Force Germans to Give up St. Mihiel—Admit Conditions Bad.

Newport News Va., April 7.—Commander Thierichens of the German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich, asked the United States Government through port authorities here tonight to intern his ship and crew for the war. Up to the last moment the German skipper kept up the appearance of being ready for a dash to sea.

Tomorrow the commerce raider will make her last cruise of the war. She will be taken to the Norfolk Navy Yard across Hampton Roads from the ship yard where she has been laid up since limping into port on March 10 after the remarkable commerce-destroying voyage from the Orient during which she sent the American ship William P. Frye to the bottom.

Commander Thierichens notified the Washington Government through Collector of Customs Hamilton shortly after 7 o'clock tonight of his decision to intern rather than "deliver crew and ship to fruitless and certain destruction" by British and French warships waiting off the Virginia Capes to destroy them.

The German captain delivered his announcement in writing when Collector Hamilton boarded the Eitel Friedrich with an imperative notice from the Washington Government that the time for his stay in this port would expire at midnight tonight and that he must leave American waters by 4 o'clock in the morning of April 8. Before the customs collector had a chance to deliver the message from Washington Commander Thierichens handed to him the written announcement of his decision.

Determination of the German commander to intern his ship immediately operated to lift the embargo against merchant ships of Allied European Nations leaving this port. More than a score of British merchant vessels which had been cleared but held up here immediately permitted to leave port and customs houses at Newport News and Norfolk were kept open until 10:30 o'clock tonight issuing clearances. Captains of British merchant ships clamored for clearances about the customs offices and scores of ships were sailing for the capes long before midnight.

Actual internment of the Prinz Eitel was said in conferences between Rear Admiral Beatty commandant of the Norfolk Navy Yard Rear Admiral Helm of the battleship Alabama and Collector Hamilton would be accomplished tomorrow, the sea-raider to be taken to the Navy Yard at Portsmouth, Va. There breech blocks of her guns will be removed and connecting rods of her engines will be detached.

Collector Hamilton received final instructions from the Washington Government late today. When he reached the Eitel Friedrich he found Captain Thierichens awaiting him. The German officer did not wait to hear the message from Washington but handed to him a sealed envelope containing his announcement.

Stock Exchange Seats Going Up.

New York, April 7.—Revival of activity in the stock market is reflected in higher prices for membership on the stock exchange. Three seats were sold in the last week on a rising scale, the first at \$45,000, an advance of \$500 over the preceding week. That was followed by another transfer at \$46,000 and a third at \$48,000. Today \$49,000 was said to have been paid for another seat. Last October seats sold as low as \$34,000.

SPLENDID LAWYER AND MAN PASSES

Columbia, April 7.—Marshall P. DeBruhl, state code commissioner, died yesterday at 1925 Preston street, Shandon, the home of his niece, Mrs. William W. Holmes. He will be laid to rest tomorrow in Abbeville.

Mr. DeBruhl was for years a member of the Abbeville delegation in the lower house of the general assembly. He was during that time a useful member of the judiciary committee of the house. Several acts of a constructive character were put upon the statute books through his efforts, but the legislation of his introducing was that whereby was established the system under which state property is insured through the sinking fund commission at a considerable saving.

Mr. DeBruhl was assistant attorney general for three terms under J. Fraser Lyon and held the same post for a short while under the present attorney general, Thomas H. Peeples. He was elected state code commissioner at the last session of the general assembly.

Mr. DeBruhl was for a while a member of the Columbia law firm of DeBruhl, McLaughlin & Smith, his partners being Jesse McLaughlin and Mendel L. Smith. Lately he had practiced alone.

CIVIC LEAGUE ELECTS OFFICERS

Mrs. W. E. Taylor Was Named for President.

At a recent meeting of the Civic League held Wednesday afternoon at its regular meeting place, the reception room of the Chamber of Commerce, officers were elected for the ensuing year, as follows:

President—Mrs. W. E. Taylor.
First Vice President—Mrs. Ernest Moore.
Second Vice President—Mrs. R. E. Wylie.

Secretary—Mrs. W. D. Craig.
Treasurer—Miss Margaret Moore.
Mrs. Ira B. Jones, the retiring president, expressed her pleasure at the results of the first year of organized effort in civic work for Lancaster and congratulated the League upon its good beginning, which augurs well for the work yet to be done.

Mrs. Taylor, the new president, thanked the members for the honor they had done her, asking their continued co-operation in every undertaking for civic improvement.

Mrs. R. E. Wylie, chairman of the playground committee, reported the opening of the playground at which time nine dollars was added to the fund for further equipment. The committee, Mrs. Wylie stated, expects to plant vines and flowers and thus beautify the playground and it was decided that it would be well for the committee to formulate a few simple rules for the regulation of play, specifying what fixtures should be used by the children of different ages, as well as other rules necessary to be observed on all public playgrounds. These will be published as soon as formulated.

CURFEW LAW FOR PHILA. JUVENILES

Philadelphia, April 8.—A curfew will be established in this city for children under 15 years of age, according to announcement made last night by George D. Porter, director of public safety.

Such children found on the streets after 11 o'clock will be taken into custody by the police and kept at the house of detention overnight. Their parents will then be called upon to explain the reason for the children being out so late at night, the announcement stated.

The order was suggested yesterday at a conference to discuss the opposed court to deal with problems of fallen women.

"Most of our crime," said Director Porter in making the announcement "may be attributed to young men and young women and we are going to try to set the juvenile straight before he reaches the age of 15."

THURMOND GIVEN FEDERAL PLUM

Nominated by President to Fill Place Created by Congress Just Closed.

Washington, April 8.—The president has given William J. Thurmond of Edgefield a recess appointment to be district attorney for the western district of South Carolina.

Edgefield, April 8.—William J. Thurmond, the new appointee of President Wilson to the district attorneyship of the western district of South Carolina, was born May 1, 1862, in Meriwether township, Edgefield county, and is the son of Geo. W. and Mary Felter Thurmond. He was reared on a farm, attended the common schools of his community and afterward the Curryton high school and the University of South Carolina.

Mr. Thurmond taught school and read law at home and entered the law office of Sheppard Brothers in October, 1887. He was admitted to the bar in January, 1888, and located at Edgefield, where he has practiced continuously since.

For several years Mr. Thurmond was attorney for Edgefield county and was elected to the house of representatives in 1894, and while a member nominated Senator Tillman for the United States Senate. Mr. Thurmond made a minority report which was adopted after a hard fight, relieving the state of a considerable bonded indebtedness which he did not think was just.

Mr. Thurmond was elected solicitor of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in 1896 and was re-elected in 1900 and voluntarily retired from this office at the expiration of the second term. Mr. Thurmond served as special judge under an appointment of Governor Ansel. He is a member of the Baptist church, a trustee of the Edgefield high school and a director of the Farmers' Bank. He owns large farming interests in the county and has a lucrative practice.

Mr. Thurmond has participated in a number of important cases. He was an ardent supporter of Woodrow Wilson for the Democratic nomination.

Mr. Thurmond was married in December, 1898, to Miss Eleanor Gertrude Strom. They have six children.

MRS STANHOPE CROCKETT.

Was Formerly a Resident of Lancaster County.

Mrs. Laura J. Crockett, wife of the late Stanhope Crockett, who was a native of this county, a former resident at Taxahaw and Heath Springs, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. M. Gale, at Richburg, last Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Crockett was sixty-six years of age, and succumbed to an attack of pneumonia. Mrs. Crockett was a very active worker in the Presbyterian church. She was well known and liked by many people of the town and county of Lancaster, where she lived for many years. The funeral services, conducted by Rev. J. T. Dendy, of Rock Hill, were held at the Union A. R. P. church and the remains were interred in the Union churchyard.

Mrs. Crockett is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Joseph Stroud, and Mrs. F. M. Gale, both of Richburg, and one son, Mr. Amory Crockett of Florida.

LANCASTER CONTESTANTS.

Go to Rock Hill to Participate in the Catawba Meet.

Prof. W. L. Feaster, accompanied by a number of pupils of the Lancaster high school, have gone to Rock Hill where the Catawba Oratorical and Athletic Association is holding its spring contests. Mr. Malcolm Williamson will declaim and Miss Mary Locke Barron will recite in the contests tonight and tomorrow morning Messrs. Eugene Hough, J. W. Craig and Walter Evans will represent Lancaster in the athletic tests. A number of other high school pupils are in Rock Hill to root for the Lancaster contestants.

NEW ASYLUM HEAD NAMED BY MANNING

Dr. George F. Sargent Has Had Much Experience in Caring for the Insane.

WILL TAKE CHARGE OF OFFICE MAY 10

New Superintendent an Expert. Comes to This State With Strong Endorsements.

Columbia, April 9.—After giving the matter the most earnest and careful attention for three months Governor Manning has appointed Dr. Geo. F. Sargent, an expert in the treatment of mental diseases and care of the insane, superintendent of the State Hospital for the Insane. The new superintendent will assume duties on May 10.

Dr. Sargent is 36 years of age and has been married two years. He graduated at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1903, and served for two years at the Worcester, Mass. State Hospital for the Insane. He then went to Northern Michigan Hospital for the Insane, and since his service there has been assistant physician at Sheppard and Enoch Pratt Hospital for the Insane, at Cowson, Md.

Dr. Sargent was highly recommended by Dr. Brush, the superintendent of the Sheppard and Enoch Pratt Asylum; by Drs. Henry M. Hurd and Barker, of Johns Hopkins; by Dr. Munson, superintendent of the Northern Michigan Asylum, and by Dr. A. P. Herring, secretary of the Maryland lunacy commission, who made the investigation and report on conditions at the State Asylum as Governor Manning's efficiency expert.

DR. STRAIT INFORMED

As soon as the plan for the reorganization of the State Hospital for the Insane was decided upon the Governor sent for Dr. T. J. Strait, the present superintendent, and told him it was his intention to get an expert for superintendent, but that he would give Dr. Strait ample notice. As soon as the Governor selected Dr. Sargent for the place he again sent for Dr. Strait and told the latter that he'd appointed Dr. Sargent superintendent and that Dr. Sargent would assume his duties on May 10.

This latest appointment of the Governor, it is believed, will meet with the approval of the people of the state.

LIGHT BROADENS 'MID THE CLOUDS

Wilson Sees Silver Lining of the War; Cannot Judge Now.

Washington, April 8.—In a speech before the Maryland annual conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in session here tonight, President Wilson said it was his belief that no man was wise enough to pronounce judgment on the European war at this time.

"But," he added, "we can all hold our spirits in readiness to accept the truth when it is revealed to us in the outcome of this titanic struggle."

The President reminded the delegates that in transacting the business of their church they, like the men in charge of the nation's government, were in reality "handling the phases of the day."

"You are handling the affairs of the church as they stand under the treatment of the men of your generation," he said. "Back of them lie the eternal principles which you are trying to exemplify in the life of the work; back of us here in the government lie the eternal principles of justice, which, in my conviction, at any rate, we do not derive from ourselves, but from the same source which a great church derives its inspiration and authority."

Noted Author Dies.

Washington, April 7.—F. Hopkinson Smith, author and artist, died tonight at his home here at the age of 77.